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his family moved to Kansas City, Kansas where he held the position of chief chemist of the regional meat inspection laboratory for a year. When that facility was planning to close, Myron resigned and joined the University of Kansas City as Assistant Professor of Chemistry. (This institution is now known as the University of Missouri). He rapidly advanced to Associate and then Full Professor of Chemistry. This employment lasted for twenty-seven years. He retired in 1972 and he and Ann moved to Heber, Utah.

Two children were born to Anne and Myron. Myron Nels Jr. was born in St. Louis, Missouri. He is married to Helen Tilden. Margaret Ann was born in Salt Lake City and is the wife of Fred W. Schloss. Ann and Myron have been blessed with ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

When their son, Myron Jr. was in High School, Anne began to work as a part-time salesclerk for J.C. Penney Company. After a year she became a full-time employee and after three years was transferred to the office and for the last eleven years of her tenure with Penney's she was office supervisor.

Myron and Anne have served in many church positions in Salt Lake City, Omaha, St. Louis and Kansas City, Kansas. Myron has been Deacons' Quorum Teacher, Counselor and Superintendent in the Sunday School, Branch President, Senior President of the Seventies' Quorum organized outside of organized stakes, high Councilman, Counselor in the Bishopric, Sunday School Teacher, High Priest Teacher, Home Teacher and Provo Temple Worker.

Anne has been a Sunday School Teacher, Stake M.I.A. Secretary, Junior Sunday School Teacher, Relief Society Counselor (twice), Relief Society President (twice), Primary Teacher, Sunday School Stake Board Member, Relief Society Organist and Ward Organist for twenty years.

Myron was awarded the honor of "Citizen Chemist of the Year" by the American Chemical Society. He was a consultant for St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri for twenty-one years. He has been a member of the American Chemical Society, the Smithsonian Institution and the National Association for Advancement of Science.

Myron's hobbies include woodworking, gardening, singing, studying. He has made hundreds of sturdy wooden toys and donated them to neighborhood children, Relief Society nurseries, Senior

Citizen groups, schools, and to the Pink Ladies' Organization for their fund-raising efforts. Anne enjoys music, flower gardening, sewing, crocheting and genealogy research.



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riage was solemnized in the St. George Temple June 30, 1962. They returned to Grand Canyon the first summer of their marriage and lived in one of the little log cabins there. Rex was over the maintenance crew and Kem was over the housekeeping staff. That fall they moved to Cedar City and Rex attended S.U.S.C. Kimber was born there the next summer, July 18, 1961. During that summer Rex worked building the new Safeway store and Kem worked for J.C. Penney doing their store decorating and window displays. In the autumn Rex went back to school. The following summer Rex worked on construction and Morgan Scott was born September 22, 1962 in Cedar City. Next Rex went to Page Arizona to work on the Glen Canyon Dam where the young family lived in a newly-purchased trailer house. After Rex was laid off at the dam, he worked at a gas station in Richfield for \$7.00 a week less than what he could have received on unemployment. They moved back down to Cedar City that summer and Rex worked on construction again. They moved to Orem that fall so that Rex could attend B.Y.U. Amber was born in Provo, May 19, 1965. Rex worked that summer on the Blue Mesa Dam in Colorado and that fall they moved to Escalante, Utah where Rex taught school. Logan Wayne was born there, November 6, 1966. Rex taught school during the winters and worked building homes

the whole Crook family. They had excellent singing voices and would love to harmonize, singing for hours.

Lorraine attended Central Elementary School and Wasatch High School and graduated from Wasatch Stake Seminary. Lorraine was active in school functions and gave recitations and sang duets on assemblies and church programs. She loved to read and sew and did these until she lost her vision at age twelve. She loves to ride horses, go fishing and to sing. She is also an excellent cook and homemaker. She was baptized September 13, 1931.

Lorraine and Stan are the parents of four children: Sharon (Mrs. Pete Martinez), Linda (Mrs. Aven Jess McDonald), Gerald Niel who married Joyce Bonner and Curtis Stanley who married Jill Nelson.

During their married life Stan and Lorraine moved several times due to Stan's work. They have lived in Carlin, Nevada, Medicine Bow, Wyoming, Green River, Utah and Clearfield, Utah. They also lived on a farm in Midway for a time.

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